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SUBJECT: SLEPAKS REFUSED EXIT VISAS TO U.S.

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1. MRS. SLEPAK PHONED THE EMBASSY JUNE 13 TO SAY SHE HAD BEEN CALLED TO OVIR JUNE 12 AND TOLD OFFICIALLY THE EXIT VISA APPLICATIONS TO EMIGRATE TO THE U.S. SUBMITTED BY HER AND HER SON LEONID WERE BEING DENIED ON TWO GROUNDS: (A) HER SON ALEXANDER, WHO HAD SENT THEM A VYZOV FOR THE U.S., HAD BEEN GRANTED AN EXIT VISA TO ISRAEL, AND (B) THE SON'S WIFE (A U.S. CITIZEN) IS TOO DISTANT A RELATIVE TO QUALIFY FOR INVITING THEM FOR EMIGRATION PURPOSES.

2. MRS. SLEPAK SAID THE JUNE 12 SESSION AT OVIR WAS UNPLEASANT IN FORM AS WELL AS SUBSTANCE. SHE SAID AN OVIR OFFICIAL ACCUSED HER AND HER HUSBAND OF SHOUTING ANTI-SOVIET SLOGANS FROM THEIR APARTMENT BALCONY DURING THE BANNER-WAVING DEMONSTRATION (REFTEL) AND THAT SUCH ACTIVITY MADE IT UNLIKELY THEY WOULD EVER RECEIVE ANY COOPERATION ON EMIGRATION
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MATTERS.

3. ON THE PHONE MARIYA SLEPAK SOUNDED CALM AND DETERMINED. SHE AGAIN APPEALED FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE WEST IN HER FAMILY'S CONTINUING STRUGGLE TO LEAVE THE SOVIET UNION. TOON

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